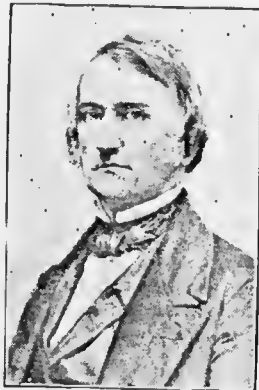


first superintendent of motive power, died in 1859, after being with the company 30 years. While a believer in strict discipline he had the reputation of never discharging a man. He was the first clerk of the common council.

The writer is indebted to P. S. Joslin, one of our oldest and most esteemed citizens, for many historical facts contained in this little work. A somewhat singular coincidence which was brought to his attention lately is connected with the D. & H. canal which was commenced in 1824. The following named officials of the company were born in 1824: R. M. Olyphant, President; A. H. Vandling, general mine Superintendent; E. W. Weston, the land agent; R. Manville, general Superintendent; Thomas Dickson, President; and Coe F. Young, Vice President.



WILLIAM JESSUP,
First Recorder of the Mayor's Court

PROPERTY VALUATIONS.

The object of several of the articles in this souvenir has been to bring out clearly the contrast between past and present conditions in our city. The list we give below of those whose property was consumed in the great fire of 1850, will prove doubly interesting. It names a majority of the business men of the time and also shows the value of stocks they carried and what Main street store buildings were worth. The fire losses given by the *Lackawanna Citizen and Carbondale Democrat* of October 4, 1850, were as follows: S. E. Raynor, dwelling house, \$1,000, insured; N. D. Farnum, in same building, saddle and harness shop, \$500, no insurance. Thomas Meredith, Carbondale House hotel, \$2,200, insured \$2,000. G. W. Thomas, furniture, insured \$800. B. Zimmerly, grocery, \$300, no insurance. J. Benjamin, Pennsylvania Coal Company's office, T. Dickson & Company's store and grocery buildings, \$2,500, insured \$1,500. T. Dickson & Company on goods, \$4,000, insured \$3,000. G. R. Crocker, grocery and confectionary, fixtures and stock, \$300, no insurance. Peter Campbell, corner store, \$3,000, insured \$1,000. J. Stark, on goods, \$2,000, insured \$2,000. The foregoing were on the West side of Main street.

Upon the East side—Peter Campbell, jewelry shop building torn down and thus buildings below it saved, \$400, no insurance. Whitcomb & Baur, jewelry goods, \$400, no insurance. Truxton Williams merchant tailor shop, dwelling and goods, \$2,000, insured \$1,200. Patrick Moffit, store and dwelling house buildings, \$3,000, insured \$1,000; also on goods, \$4,000,

insured \$4,000. Gillespie and Love, store and post office building, \$1,800, insured \$800, on goods, \$4,000, insured \$4,000. S. Hodgdon Esq., office and millinery store building with some books and papers, \$1,200, no insurance. Miss Russell, millinery, \$100. Wm. W. Bronson, two shops, store and Railway Hotel, establishment entire, \$8,500, insured \$3,500. C. W. Roessler, barber, \$50. Danaher and McLaughlin, stock of valuable staple and fancy dry goods, \$2,000, insured \$1,500. Solomon Arnold and Abraham Serfass, Mansion House hotel establishment, \$6,000, insured \$1,500; John Gore, landlord, \$1,500, no insurance. Wm. N. Arnold, store and printing office building, \$1,000, insured \$300; S. S. Benedict, on Citizen and Democrat office materials, \$500, insured \$1,000; Arnold and Company on goods, \$4,000, insured \$1,500. Dr. Thomas Sweet, dwelling house and furniture, \$2,500, insured \$1,200.

On Church street—Mrs. Johnson, dwelling house, \$400, no insurance. Temperance Hall, \$2,000, insurance \$1,000. Estate of Silas Burrows, dwelling house, \$1,000, no insurance. Dr. G. H. Leach, furniture and medicines, \$300, no insurance. Abraham Serfass, furniture to a considerable amount. D. G. Dayton, blacksmith shop, \$500, no insurance. J. Barry, carriage shop, \$300, no insurance. Jesse Gardner, dwelling house, barn and furniture, \$2,000, no insurance. L. E. Judd, dwelling house, school room, furniture &c., \$1,800, insured \$800. Homer Grennell, dwelling house, &c., \$2,000, no insurance.

The fire was arrested on the West side of Main street, North, at the store of Richmond & Robinson, which was saved with great effort, with damage to the building of about \$200, and goods about \$500, insured. On Dundaff street in the rear of J. Stark's store, it was arrested in the vicinity of Clark and Voyle's store. The store was saved but the goods were removed and much injured, loss \$800. Grow and Brothers loss from removal of goods, \$200. Sweet and Raynor, loss from removal of goods, \$600. Wm. Wurts Esq., at whose residence the fire was arrested on the East side of Main street, North, loss from removal of furniture, \$300.

On the West side of Church street, North, the fire was stayed at the dwelling house of Mrs. Johnson, mainly through the important aid rendered by a force pump belonging to James Archibald Esq. Many others experienced severe losses and damage to furniture by removal. The goods and furniture lost were not all consumed by fire. Very many were stolen and carried off. Indeed the disposition to plunder is said to have exhibited itself almost everywhere that goods were exposed.



WILLIAM BRENNAN,
First Clerk of the Mayor's Court.

ROSE TO PROMINENCE.

Carbondale has contributed its full quota to the noted men of the country. Among those who are now in office are Commissioner of Immigration T. V. Powderly; Secretary of the state of New Jersey, George Wurts; Judge of the United States Court of Central